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Myles Standish State Forest

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Park Website: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/myles-standish-state-forest>

Park Phone Number: (508) 866-2526

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Program Descriptions

Things to Know Before You Go!

- All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.
- Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water, and a snack.
- Rain cancels most programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 866-2526.
- No dogs on walks or at programs. Please note, starting on April 1st to September 15th dogs and other pets are not authorized on the beach, with the exception of service animals, per DCR regulations.
- A daily parking fee of \$8 MA Vehicle, \$15 non-MA is collected at the College Pond Day Use Area and Fearing Pond Day Use Area. Vehicle fee is collected from 8AM to 4PM. Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here <https://www.mass.gov/guides/parking-at-massachusetts-state-parks#-annual-parking-passes->. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Senior Parking Pass for \$10 by mail; more information found here: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/get-a-senior-parking-pass>.
- Park Trail Map: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/myles-standish-trail-map/download>

Cannonballs and Cranberries	Join the park interpreter for a guided tour around a working cranberry bog and discover the fascinating history of the bog, from iron production to cranberry agriculture. Learn about how this land was formed thousands of years ago and what the bogs have meant to the inhabitants of the region over time. See these bogs as they ripen on this gentle and informative walk. Meet at the Rocky Pond Cranberry Parking Lot (P7). Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Parking is free of charge. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
East Head Reservoir Ramble	Let's get moving and learn a little about nature while we do it. On this lovely and relatively flat 2.6-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir, the largest pond in Myles Standish State Forest, we will explore the flora and fauna that live on, in, and around this essential water source. Meet at the parking lot next to the forest headquarters (P1). Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Parking is free of charge. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Creature Feature	Join us for a fun, hands-on program about the animals of Myles Standish State Forest. Check out the pelts and skulls of the animals that make their home throughout the forest. Meet behind the bathhouse at the College Pond Day Use Area. The program is free but there is a daily parking fee of \$8 per MA Vehicle, \$15 per non-MA per car to park at College Pond Day Use Area for the day. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Who Lives in the Pond?	Learn about the animals that live in the ponds of Myles Standish State Forest. Use our nets and buckets to catch, observe, and identify pond creatures. Meet behind the parking lot at the Fearing Pond Day Use Area. The program is free but there is a daily parking fee of \$8 per MA Vehicle, \$15 per non-MA per car to park at Fearing Pond Day Use Area for the day. Make sure to wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 10.

Talking Trees	The story of the forest is told by its trees. They are living beings that have strange and fascinating ways to communicate and help one another. Learn about the most common trees in the Massachusetts Pine Barrens ecosystem and what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1). Parking is free of charge. Program consists of a 2.6-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Pond Shore Foray	Come explore the secret world of the Coastal Plains Pond Community and the rich and varied life they support. This highly adapted and delicate ecosystem is among one of New England's most beautiful and threatened wildlife communities. Meet behind the parking lot at the Fearing Pond Day Use Area. The program is free but there is a daily parking fee of \$8 per MA Vehicle, \$15 per non-MA per car to park at Fearing Pond Day Use Area for the day. Make sure to wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for guests over the age of 10.
Night Hike	What happens in the forest as night approaches? Join us on a guided walk through the night woods to discover how nocturnal birds and animals use their senses to survive at night. This is a moonlight thrill for all ages. No flashlights allowed on this walk and bring your insect repellent. Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1). Parking is free of charge. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Bentley Loop Hike	Are you up for a beautiful hike right in the heart of Myles Standish State Forest? Join us for a 3.6-mile around the Bentley Loop and enjoy the several ponds and meadows along the trail. Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road and Three Corner Pond Road (P2). Parking is free of charge. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Jr. Ranger: Hiking	Join us for our Junior Ranger program series. In this all-ages series, we will learn how to hike, camp, pond and identify the animals of the forest like a real ranger! In this installment we will learn about proper hiking etiquette and safety as we hike a short 1.2-mile loop through the forest. Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1). Parking is free of charge. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 5.
Pine Barrens: A Stroll of Ice and Fire	This is a forest born of ice and fire. It has been shaped by both human hands and changing climates. Join us on this gentle 1.6-mile hike through the famous Pine Barrens ecosystem of Myles Standish State Forest. We discuss the natural history of the forest from Native American hunters to visitors of the forest today. Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road and Three Corner Pond Road (P2). Parking is free of charge. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
Fishing Event at Fearing Pond	On July 28 th , come and try to catch some fish at Fearing Pond for this event sponsored by the DCR and Mass Wildlife. The pond contains bass, bluegill sunfish, and brown trout, and rainbow trout. Also, check out some pelts and skulls of animals that inhabit Myles Standish State Forest. Meet at the Fearing Pond Day Use Area. The program is free but there is a daily parking fee of \$8 per MA Vehicle, \$15 per non-MA per car to park at Fearing Pond Day Use Area for the day. No fishing license is required to participate. Fishing equipment and bait will be provided, but you can bring your own supplies as well. Open to all adults and children over the age of 8.